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1. MEZVINSKI DEBRIEFING (LOU)

ED MEZVINSKI MET THIS MORNING WITH DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THE RESULT OF THE RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING. MEZVINSKI WAS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF THIS SESSION, POINTING OUT THAT THE COMMISSION HAD AT LAST MOVED AWAY FROM ITS FORMER DOUBLE STANDARD OF CONCENTRATING LARGELY ON CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WHILE THESE ISSUES WERE STILL DISCUSSED AT THE RECENT MEETING, THE COMMISSION MOVED ON TO
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MAKE DECISIONS ON SUCH MATTERS AS CAMBODIA, UGANDA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETC. MEZVINSKI FELT THAT THE ROLE OF THE NON-ALIGNED AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THE LEAD AT THE SESSION WAS THE KEY TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. HE ALSO HAD PARTICULAR PRAISE FOR THE WORK OF THE SENEGALESE CHAIRMAN.

MEZINSKI IS ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM OF THIS MEETING GOING AND WANTS TO WORK WITH THE GEOGRAPHIC BUREAUS AND OUR POSTS ON WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN GAIN SUPPORT FOR OUR HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES NOT ONLY AT FUTURE COMMISSION, BUT MEETINGS ALSO AT ECOSOC AND THE GA. THERE WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION OF THE PRESENT LACK OF EAST ASIAN MEMBERSHIP (EXCEPT FOR AUSTRALIA) ON THE COMMISSION AND ABOUT THE NEED TO REMEDY THIS INBALANCE. NOTE: THE LACK OF "ASIAN" EA MEMBERSHIP (AS OPPOSED TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND) IS A LONG-STANDING PROBLEM. ONLY THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA (THE ROC) HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN MEMBERS.

2. NON-ALIGNED FOOTNOTE (CONFIDENTIAL)

DURING A CALL ON DEPUTY DIRECTOR LIANG OF THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE SRI LANKAN CHARGE MENTIONED THAT THE CAMBODIAN-VIETNAMESE DISPUTE WOULD PROBABLY COME UP AT THE NAM MEETING IN KABUL. LIANG REPLIED "WE WOULD ADVISE THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT NOT TO PUT ITS HAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS CONFLICT; WE ARE NOT DOING SO AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE OTHERS SHOULD."

3. CHINA AND THE LEBANESE SECURITY FORCE (UNCLASSIFIED)

CHINA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN EITHER THE VOTE ON THE U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM FORCE THERE, OR ON THE SYG'S REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DECISION. THE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT ITS POSITION WAS IN KEEPING WITH ITS CONSISTENT ATTITUDE ON UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES. THE PRACTICE OF ESTABLISHING ANY SUCH FORCE MIGHT PAVE THE WAY FOR SUPERPOWER INTERFERENCE. HE ALSO SAID THAT CHINA WOULD NOT BEAR ANY COST OF THE FORCES IN LEBANON. (THE USSR TOOK A SIMILAR POSITION). VANCE

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